THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Oil Pool Deficit

289. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present oil pool deficit; and

(b) the corrective measures taken to check the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The oil pool deficit is estimated to be around Rs. 12,600 crore as on 31-3-2001.

(b) To check the oil pool deficit, Government take various corrective measures which *inter alia,* include corrections in the consumer prices of petroleum products, adjustment in rates of duties, etc.

Indo-Iran Gas Pipeline Project

290. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Indo-Iran offer Pak peace Pipeline" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 14th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the Pipeline from Iran to India *via* Pakistan;

(c) the names of the companies who are involved in the 700 kilometer pipeline which would run through Pakistan;

(d) whether any discussion has been held with the Pakistan Government on this account and if so the details of the discussions; and

(e) by when, the work on the project will commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Iran has sent a preliminary proposal to supply natural gas to India through pipeline. An Indo-Iran Joint Committee on supply of gas to India, consisting of representatives of the Government of Iran and India has been constituted to examine all aspects of the Indo-Iran natural gas pipeline namely, the technical, economic and political aspects of various options of gas imports from Iran including on-land off-shore and LNG options.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The proposal is at a preliminary stage.

Gas Flaring in Gujarat

291. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different stations within Ankleshwar Area in Gujarat where gas is being flared;

(b) the quantity of gas flared;

(c) the loss of revenue to ONGC/GAIL and Government;

(d) whether GAIL and ONGC have refused to market the flared gas and the reasons for the refusal;

(e) whether the gas can be supplied to the consumer on "As is where is basis" so that they shall find a remedy as to how make use of the same; and

(f) if so, the alternatives as Government consider fit to find remedies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH